

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858 et seq.).

**SEC. 602. GOALS.**

Section 658A (42 U.S.C. 9801 note) is amended—

(1) in the section heading by inserting "AND GOALS" after

(2) by inserting "(a) SHORT TITLE.—" before "This: and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) GOALS.—The goals of this subchapter are

— "(1) to allow each State maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within such State;

"(2) to promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions on the child care that best suits their family's needs;

"(3) to encourage States to provide consumer education information to help parents make informed choices about child care;

"(4) to assist States to provide child care to parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance; and

"(5) to assist States in implementing the health, safety, licensing, and registration standards established in State regulations."

**SEC. 603. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND ENTITLEMENT AUTHORITY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 658B (42 U.S.C. 9858) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 668B. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

"There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$1,000,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2002."

(b) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601-617) is amended by adding at the

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te shall for the purpose of providing child care assistance be entitled to payments under a grant under this subsection for a fiscal year in an amount equal to—

"(A) the sum of the total amount required to be paid to the State under section 403 for fiscal year 1994 or 1995 (whichever is greater) with respect to amounts expended for child care under section—

"(i) 402(g) of this Act (as such section was in effect before October 1, 1995); and

"(ii) 402(i) of this Act (as so in effect); or

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